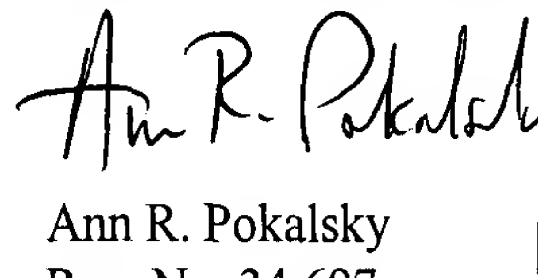


REMARKS

The presently submitted pages 2, 4 and 8, correct a typographical error made in Claims 1 and 16 in the amendment previously submitted on September 5, 2003. As discussed with Examiner Lilling by telephone on September 17, 2003, Claim 1 was amended in the previously submitted amendment and claim 16 was indicated as withdrawn. Both of these claims however, contained a printing error. Specifically, a "≥" was inadvertently omitted in line 3, claim 1, and in line 3, claim 16, of the paper copy of the amendment due to a computer font printing incompatibility. The same error, an omitted "≥", was made on page 8, line 20, under the "Remarks" section. The "≥" appears however, in line 3, claim 1, and line 3, claim 16, as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter has been introduced into the application by this Supplemental Amendment.

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